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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 17th October 1964.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN) in the Chair.

I—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Raid by police of Salem camp

* 11 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances under which the Sub-Inspector of Police at Salem Camp, Mettur Circle, raided the village called "Ramamoorthy Nagar" on 12—9—1963;

(*b*) whether any enquiry was conducted regarding this incident by the R.D.O., Dharmapuri; and

(*c*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) When the Harijan residents of S. No. 610 of Ramamoorthy Nagar tried to remove a portion of the fencing put around their colony by the Madras Aluminium Company in such a way as to prevent the Harijans from going to the well and to the burial ground the Police intervened on a complaint from the company.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Revenue Divisional Officer found that the police had acted in excess of their powers and therefore recommended that departmental action be taken against the Sub-Inspector, Head Constable and Police Constable concerned.

* 12 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaint was received from the Secretary of the Communist Party, Mettur Branch, on or about 13th September 1963 containing allegations against the police of Salem camp;

(*b*) the details of the allegations contained in the complaint; and

(*c*) the action taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was alleged that the police chased and beat the women with their hands and sticks and also kicked them. Some of the women sustained injuries and were also arrested.